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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
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SERIAL NO: 09/928,352 :  
FILED: August 14, 2001 : EXAMINER: MACKEY, P.  
FOR: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR FEEDING SHEETS, IMAGE  
FORMATION APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
GEARS

**AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2003, please consider the  
remarks below and amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are shown on the listing of the claims beginning on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.